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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES WMO BUDGET 7TH FINANCIAL PERIOD

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED ADVANCE COPY OF DOCUMENT FOR WMO CONGRESS ON AGENDA ITEM 8 (PROGRAM AND BUDGET 1976-1979). DOCUMENT CONTAINS REVISION OF ORIGINAL BUDGET ESTIMATES WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CURRENCY AND PRICE CHANGES AND TWO SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS. TEXT OF DOCUMENT BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM.

2. THE DOCUMENT POINTS OUT THAT, FOR REASONS SPECIFIED, ORIGINAL BUDGET ESTIMATE OF \$35 MILLIONS FOR PERIOD 1976-1979 IS NOW INCREASED TO \$47.345 MILLIONS MADE UP OF FOLLOWING THREE ITEMS: \$9.890 MILLIONS DUE TO CURRENCY AND INFLATION CHANGES; \$1.131 MILLIONS FOR AGRO-METEOROLOGICAL PROGRAM IN AID OF FOOD PRODUCTION; \$1.133 MILLIONS FOR WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM.

SECRETARIAT STATES THAT ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL TO COVER NEW GLOBAL ATMOPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM COSTS MAY AMOUNT TO MORE THAN ONE MILLION. THIS WILL BE COVERED IN SEPARATE ESTIMATE.

3. INCREASES DUE TO CURRENCY CHANGES ARE BASED ON FACT THAT ORIGINAL BUDGET ESTIMATES COMPUTED ON BASIS OF 3.12 FRANCS PER DOLLAR. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON 2.55 FRANCS PER DOLLAR PLUS 10 PERCENT INFLATION AS OF FEBRUARY 1975. NO FURTHER PROJECTIONS OF INFLATION OR CURRENCY CHANGES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED

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IN ESTIMATES.

4. SECRETARIAT RECOGNIZES THAT 7TH CONGRESS MAY WISH TO BASE ITS DISCUSSIONS ON ORIGINAL BUDGET ESTIMATE AND PROVIDE FOR INFLATION AND CURRENCY CHANGES BY MEANS OF FLEXIBILITY CLAUSES IN BUDGET RESOLUTION. IF THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS FOLLOWED, THEY FEEL THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE MORE GENEROUS ARRANGEMENT THAN HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST.

5. FINAL VERSION OF DOCUMENT COVERING SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES TO BE DISTRIBUTED ALL MEMBERS ON MARCH 15. DALE

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